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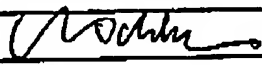
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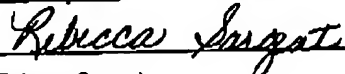
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Communication dated August 22, 2005, please find enclosed a clean new set of claims in the application referenced above caption, together with a marked-up copy demonstrating the amendments. In these claims:

Claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 16 and 18-20 are amended

Claims 5, 7-9 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice

Claims 3, 4, 11-15, 21, 22 are original

Comments:


According to item 2 in the office action, the claims have been brought into line with species B, in particular in that the intermediate shaft (8) is in gearing connection with the second input shaft (26).

Responding to item 3 in the office action, it is believed that this point became moot by the amendment in claim 1, i.e. by clarification in claim 1 that the intermediate shaft is in gearing connection with the second input shaft. Claim 10 adds the clutches and what connections these provide and is therefore in line with new claim 1 and Fig. 4 showing specie B, and so are therefore all claims depending on claim 10.

Applicant submits its Response and requests further examination based on the submitted and attached claims and comments stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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